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Revision of rules to enable Hindi Pandits to appear as private candidates for the S.S.L.C. Examination.

* 39 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state with reference to Legislative Council Starred Question No. 148 answered on 21st July 1953—

(*a*) whether the Government have revised the rules to enable Hindi Pandits to appear as private candidates for the S.S.L.C. Examination; and

(*b*) if not, when the Government propose to revise the rules?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Government considered the matter and decided that no action was necessary in the matter.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" May I know, Sir, how in March 1953, when other language pandits of similar qualifications and experience were allowed to appear for the S.S.L.C. Examination, Hindi Pandits alone were stopped from appearing for the S.S.L.C. Examination? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The rule is that only those who have served for three years as teachers will be eligible for appearing for the S.S.L.C. Examination. The teachers have undertaken to do so, so that there may not be any disturbance in the teaching system. The teachers have to work for three years, and then only they can appear for the S.S.L.C. Examination."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" May I bring it to the notice of the Hon. Minister that those who had put in three years' service were stopped by the Government from appearing for the examination on the eve of the examination? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If they had served for three years, they would be entitled to appear for the examination. I do not think there could have been any such cases."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" May I point out, Sir, that teachers who had put in three years' service as Hindi pandits were discriminated against when teachers handling other languages were actually allowed to appear for the March examination, and this has been responsible for many Hindi pandits being declared ineligible for grants for successive years by many District Educational Officers—after this interpretation of the rule in March 1953? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If there has been any such discrimination it may be brought to my notice."

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SRI M. SATYANARAYANA :—" Are the teachers who are discriminated against in this respect, confirmed teachers or temporary teachers? If they are not confirmed, what is the reason for their non-confirmation? Is it because they are not eligible for confirmation? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" The whole trouble arose on account of the new interpretation given on the eve of the examination that the minimum qualification was not the Visharad qualification (that was approved of in G.O. No. 293 of February 1949), but the Pracharak diploma—a higher course, a general and combined training course. There is no justification for insisting on such a training course in the case of the Hindi pandits alone and not in the case of the Tamil and Sanskrit pandits."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I wish a separate question is put in respect of this matter pointing out the particular instance. This being a general question, I am sorry I am not in a position to answer."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, I request your permission for a half-hour debate on this important issue which has affected a hundred Hindi pandits and it has also affected their stability."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would request the hon. Member to put a specific question on this point, and if he finds that there is no satisfactory answer, he can think of asking for a half-hour debate."

Schemes for the amelioration of the hill tribes.

[* 40 Q.—

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The hon. Member Dr. C. Nathamuni Naidu is not in his place. The answer will be printed in the proceedings."]

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU : " Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry and Harijan Uplift be pleased to state—

(*a*) the schemes submitted by the team of experts appointed in 1950 for the amelioration of the hill tribes and the development of the areas; and

(*b*) how far and with what results their schemes have been implemented?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) The team of experts confined its activities to the Agency areas now forming part of the Andhra State. The original records relating to the recommendations made by the team have been transferred to the Andhra Government. Copies of the report of the team are not available.

" (*b*) Does not arise."